

NINETY-SIXTH YEAR.

## HOWARD ELLIOTT ELECTED HEAD OF NORTHERN PACIFIC.

Vice President of Burlington Will Be Chief Executive of Great Grain-Carrying System Extending From St. Paul to Seattle, Having 5,172 Miles of Lines.



HOWARD ELLIOTT. —Photograph by Strauss.  
Second vice president of the Burlington system, elected president of the Northern Pacific Railway Company.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Northern Pacific Railway Company yesterday at New York Howard Elliott of St. Louis, second vice president of the Burlington Route, was elected president, succeeding to the place made vacant by the recent resignation of Charles S. McLean.

Mr. Elliott departed yesterday afternoon for St. Paul, where his office will be in future.

Before his departure he gave out the following statement:

"While I appreciate very fully the compliment paid me by the Northern Pacific directors in electing me president, nevertheless I feel a sincere regret in leaving the service of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy."

"I began work for the Burlington on July 8, 1890, and have many warm friends and associates among the officers, the employees and the business men along the line, and these friendships mean much to me. However, as the Northern Pacific has very close business relations with the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, both at Billings and St. Paul, I shall still feel a great interest in the welfare of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy and of all who work for it."

"My duties as an officer of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy have been to help to conduct and develop the business of that company in the Mississippi and Missouri valleys, and as an officer of the Northern Pacific, I shall strive just as hard to conduct and develop the business of that company in the North and Northwest, with their growing communities and prosperous cities."

"There is a natural commercial interchange and interdependence between the States in the Mississippi and Missouri valleys, and I shall try to do what I can to promote those relations in my work on the Northern Pacific road, which is a great property and an important factor in the business development of the Northwest."

"I will continue to make St. Louis my home until after the World's Fair, and have made no plans for moving my family and residence to St. Paul."

"My duties as president of the Northern Pacific will make it necessary for me to be on the road a great deal, as I want to become acquainted with the property and the men as rapidly as possible. I shall also have to go to New York more or less, so it seems unwise to move my home at present; even if my family were in St. Paul, I should of necessity be separated from them a large part of the time."

Mr. Elliott becomes chief executive of a vast railway system extending for 5,172 miles west from Minneapolis and St. Paul, having terminals at Seattle and Tacoma on the Pacific Coast, where it is in close connection with the great Atlantic line of freight ships.

**WARMLY CONGRATULATED.**

While Mr. Elliott's appointment has been to a certain extent forecasted, many of his friends will be surprised as well as delighted to hear of his deserved good fortune. At the Burlington offices all of the officials were fairly beaming over Mr. Elliott's promotion, though all expressed regret at having him leave the Burlington. Nearly two years ago Mr. Elliott was appointed to his present position with headquarters in Chicago, and since then has only been able to spend a few days of each week in St. Louis, though his wife and family have lived here. He married Miss Josephine January of this city, and lives at No. 457 Bercliff avenue.

Mr. Elliott was born in New York City January 6, 1860. He is a college graduate and entered railway service with the Burlington in 1880 as a roofer in the engineering department. Shortly after he was assistant treasurer of the St. Louis, Keokuk and Northwestern road, with headquarters at Keokuk.

Between 1885 and 1890 he was general freight and passenger agent of the above road, with headquarters in St. Louis. On the consolidation of the Kansas City, St. Joseph and Council Bluffs, the Hannibal and St. Joseph, the Chicago, Burlington and Kansas City and the St. Louis, Keokuk and Northwestern railroads, forming the Missouri lines of the Burlington, Mr. Elliott was appointed general freight agent at St. Louis.

January 1, 1896, he was appointed general manager of the Missouri lines, which position he held until eleven months ago, when he was elected second vice president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company.

## FOOTBALL PLAYER MAY DIE FROM ACCIDENT DURING GAME.

John Withnell, 17 Years Old, Paralyzed by Injury to His Neck.

### FATHER SAW SON CRUSHED.

An operation was performed at St. Anthony's Hospital last night on John Withnell, son of William W. Withnell of No. 2100 Meramec street, whose spine was injured Tuesday afternoon in a football game between St. Louis University and Marion-Sims Dental College teams, at which his father was a spectator.

Doctor Carson performed the operation and he found none of the plates of Withnell's spine were fractured, but that there existed a dislocation of a usually serious nature. This dislocation was partially reduced by the surgeons, and there is now a faint hope that the injured boy may recover.

Young Withnell was quarter back on the 'varsity' and was injured in the last five minutes of the second half of a game with the Marion-Sims Dental College team. The ball was just being put into play, and had been kicked down the field, with the Dental College line closely following.

The ball came to Withnell, and he leaped forward to pick it up. His interference, Burr Caldwell, ran up to cut off one of the Dental College players, and just as Withnell was straightening up after catching the ball, Caldwell was thrown upon him by the Dental College players.

Withnell's neck was twisted sideways as he fell, and he lay unconscious on the field. Doctor William Dillon, who was acting as graduate coach of the 'varsity' and Coach Martin E. Delaney ran to Withnell's assistance. He was taken to the side lines and restoratives were administered. When he tried to move it was found that he was paralyzed, and a carriage was called by the boy's father.

While the carriage was coming, the players, not knowing how badly their comrade was injured, continued to play.

The injured boy was taken to his home, and there an examination of his injury disclosed such a grave damage to the base of the spinal column that an operation was advised by Doctor Dillon and the consulting physicians, who also advised his removal to the hospital.

**CONDITION IS CRITICAL.**

He admitted that Withnell was in a critical condition and that his chance of recovery was slight. He characterized the accident as unavoidable, and said that its gravity was not at first suspected, although Withnell is of slender build, weighing scarcely 125 pounds, while Caldwell, who fell on him, is large and heavy.

As to the physical condition of young Withnell, before the accident the physician said that none of the team was in better condition. He is an experienced player and had filled the position of full-back on the 'varsity' team last year, and has played football during the last three or four years. He was a strong, rugged player and had never been injured before.

The parents, sister and brother of the injured boy waited at the hospital yesterday afternoon for some word of encouragement as to his condition, but all that could be told them was that he was still alive.

William W. Withnell, the boy's father, was present at the game and was scarcely fifty feet from his son when the accident occurred. He was one of the first to reach his son and helped carry him from the field when it was found that he could not go on with the game.

Several students of the university called at the home of their injured classmate yesterday to learn his condition. Others came to the hospital, and all went away greatly depressed when they learned that the accident would probably have a fatal termination.

John Withnell is 17 years old. He is a student in the commercial college of the university, and his graduation was set for this coming spring. He is a general favorite at the university and generally considered one of the strongest and best players on the team.

## LEADING TOPICS TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 6:47 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 5:11. THE MOON SETS THIS EVENING AT 6:50.

GRAIN CLOSED: ST. LOUIS—DEC. WHEAT, 90c; BID: DEC. CORN, 29c; BID: CHICAGO—DEC. WHEAT, 29c; BID: DEC. CORN, 29c.

**WEATHER INDICATIONS.**  
For St. Louis and vicinity—Fair with variable winds; cooler to-night.

For Missouri—Fair Thursday and Friday; cooler Thursday.

For Illinois, Arkansas, East Texas and West Texas—Fair Thursday and Friday.

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2. Would Nominate by Popular Vote.

3. Pittsburg Bank Quits Business. Samuel M. Kennard Gives Up Trusteeship of State Masons.

4. World's Fair News. Real Estate Transfers. Order Restored at Waco.

5. Happenings in East Side Cities and Towns.

6. Pittsburg Won the Feature at the Fair Grounds. The Republic Form Chart.

7. The Funeral of Archbishop Kain. To Pay for New Street.

8. Editorial. Society. Happenings. St. Louisans in New York and Chicago.

9. Synods Conduct Union Service. View the Smoke Inspectors' Work. New Corporations.

10. The Republic "Want" Ads. Birth, Marriage and Death Records. New Corporations.

11. Rooms for Rent Ads.

12. Bridgeport From St. Louis. Large Wheat Receipts Depress Prices in Chicago. Summary of St. Louis Markets.



JOHN WITHNELL. Quarter back of the St. Louis University football team, who is not expected to recover from injuries sustained in a practice game Tuesday.

## WIDOW TO FIGHT BRYAN'S CLAIM ON BENNETT ESTATE.

Believes He Has No Right to \$50,000 Which Her Husband Wished Him to Have.

### BRYAN WILL ASK FOR RULING.

If He Can Obtain Money He Says He Will Distribute It Among Educational and Charitable Institutions.

New Haven, Conn., Oct. 21.—As a climax to today's hearing on the application for the probate of the will of the late Philip S. Bennett, before the probate court, a sealed letter which William J. Bryan, a local testifier was a request that he accept \$50,000, Judge Stoddard, who represents Mrs. Bennett, declared that if Mr. Bryan insisted upon receiving the fund she would contest the will.

Mr. Bryan in reply said that not 1 cent of the money would be allowed either his wife or his children to receive unless Mrs. Bennett were willing.

He however, does intend, he said, to ask the court to decide the validity of the bequest, so that in case it is declared legal, he can distribute the money among educational and charitable institutions.

At the hearing Mr. Bryan introduced a mass of correspondence between himself and Mr. Bennett, from the year 1894 to 1900. He read several of the letters aloud to show that Mr. Bennett repeatedly made offers of financial assistance to him. On four occasions, according to the witness, Mr. Bennett sent him money to aid him, the amount in all aggregating \$1,000.

He relates that in May, 1900, Mr. Bennett came to Lincoln, Neb., to discuss a proposed will, and told Mr. Bryan that he wished him to accept a bequest of \$50,000, believing that he would need it later.

A suggestion made by Mr. Bryan at that time was to the effect that if Mr. Bennett decided, he could make it a request to Mrs. Bennett in a letter to be left with the will. He further suggested that the money be left in trust to himself to distribute among educational and philanthropic institutions. After Mr. Bennett returned East he executed his will and sent a copy to Mr. Bryan of what, he said, was the letter which he left with his will for Mrs. Bennett.

When Mr. Bryan's statement had been concluded, Judge Stoddard said that the will would be contested by Mrs. Bennett. If Mr. Bryan sought to secure the money, believing that Mr. Bryan had no equitable right to it.

### COOL WEATHER FORECASTED.

Conditions Will Remain Pleasant for Another Thirty-Six Hours.

Fair weather with lower temperature by tonight, is the forecast of the Weather Bureau. Forecasters here say there will be a continuation of the fair and pleasant weather prevailing for another thirty-six hours at least.

Rain was reported from only two points in the United States yesterday, Cyprus Creek and Durbin, each receiving a small precipitation. The temperature has fallen in the Lake region, Ohio Valley and on the East slope of the Rocky Mountains.

Freezing weather is reported from South Dakota, Minnesota, Wyoming and Utah.

### MOTORMAN FROM ST. LOUIS.

Went to Texas to Help Break Street-Car Strike and Was Shot.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Waco, Tex., Oct. 21.—Harry Hay, the motorman who was shot last night by unknown parties, is still alive, but is not expected to live until daylight.

Hay is a younger man who came here from St. Louis a week ago. He was in Bridgeport, Conn., and he has relatives also in California.

## JAPAN PREPARES FOR EARLY CLASH

Trying to Buy Warships From Chile, While "Fighting Admiral" Commands Fleet.

### RUSSIA CONTINUES BUSY.

Decisive Action May Soon Be Necessary for the Very Existence of Mikado's Empire—London Hears Disquieting Rumors.

Santiago de Chile, Oct. 21.—It is reported here that the Chilean Government is treating with Japan for the sale of two warships.

### FIGHTING ADMIRAL APPOINTED.

Yokohama, Oct. 21.—The ministerial conference, naval preparations and notably the appointment of Vice Admiral Togo, known as a "Fighting Admiral," to command the standing squadron, have led to a renewal of the anticipation of trouble.

Some decided development in the crisis is expected shortly. The steamship and railroad companies are reported to have been notified to be in readiness for emergencies.

### RUSSIA STILL ACTIVE.

Tokio, Oct. 21.—Russian military activity on the Korean frontier is unabated. The important newspapers take a gloomy view.

They are inclined to believe Russia does not intend to fulfill her repeated promises and declarations, in which case it will be incumbent on Japan to take decisive steps for the sake of her very existence. The Japanese ginseng Chinkai was to have wintered at Nieu-Chwang, but this arrangement has been countermanded.

### NEGOTIATIONS END.

London, Oct. 21.—A report was in circulation on the Stock Exchange to-day that the negotiations between Russia and Japan had been broken off, but the Foreign Office officials here said they had heard nothing confirmatory of the rumor. This statement was made subsequent to a visit paid by Baron Hayashi to Foreign Minister Lansdowne this afternoon. The officials of the Foreign Office added that the report was contrary to the general trend of his information.

## ST. LOUIS AUTOMOBILISTS ARRIVE IN CHICAGO.

Pierre Chouteau Scott and Party Make Quick Trip Despite One Seta-back—Amusing Incident.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Chicago, Ill., Oct. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Chouteau Scott and Harry S. Turner arrived at the Auditorium Annex at 4 o'clock this afternoon in an automobile. They had broken the record between St. Louis and Chicago by a day.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott left St. Louis on Monday morning. It was 10 o'clock when Mr. Scott gave the warning "toot" and the touring car started on its way. Springfield was the immediate destination. They expected to spend the night there. About 5 o'clock in the afternoon they discovered that they had lost their way. This delayed them several hours.

They were to be guests of honor at a dinner party at Springfield and figured on a dramatic entrance. But just about sundown it was discovered that Mr. Turner's suit case was missing. The suit which Mr. Turner expected to wear at the dinner party was in the suit case. They reversed the machine and ran back a dozen miles, but no suit case was found. It was about 10 o'clock when they reached the capital city. Mr. Turner was a sweeper to the dinner party. He is still wearing it.

More trouble awaited them when they struck Chicago. They were held up by a boulevard policeman because their machine did not carry a number according to the Chicago ordinance. After exhibiting a St. Louis license they were allowed to continue their journey.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott will go to Toledo, O., in the machine, starting to-morrow.

## BATTLESHIP MISSOURI IS FASTEST OF HER CLASS.

By her performance in her official speed trial off the Cape Ann course to-day the battleship Missouri holds the record for speed of all American battleships.

Her required speed was eighteen knots and she logged up in her four hours' trial a clip of 18.2 knots. Her official speed was 18.5 knots and the extra was gained in trial allowance.

The first part of the run was made against a strong northwest breeze, which kept down the speed to 17.4 knots, but coming back the conditions were more favorable and the thirty-three knots were covered in one hour forty-seven minutes and seconds, a speed of 18.4 knots per hour.

The battleship at one time attained a speed of 18.75 knots per hour. The contract requirements call for 18 knots and the margin was very gratifying to the Government officials on board.

The best previous record made by a battleship in the Missouri's class is that of the Maine, a sister ship, which was 17.98 knots per hour.

The Missouri had on board the Naval Trial Board and the naval officers stationed in and near Boston. The weather was clear, but a stiff quartering breeze blew from the northwest and roughed up the water considerably.

The vessels marking the course were stationed 6.5 knots apart and the Missouri's lowest elapsed time between any two of the mark boats was twenty-one minutes eight seconds, made on the homeward leg, which makes her best actual speed 18.75 knots per hour. On the northern leg the engines attained a speed of 121 revolutions a minute and the average for the entire trial was 117.

At the conclusion of the speed test the Missouri was tested as for her steering abilities. She described the figure "8," turning in from twenty to twenty-five seconds, with an angle of heel of about 4 per cent. The usual stopping, backing and anchoring tests were then given, at the conclusion of which the vessel returned to Boston Light, and after landing her passengers started for Newport News.

## ARCHDUKE LEOPOLD WILL SEND BALLOON TO ST. LOUIS.

Paris, Oct. 21.—Archduke Leopold Salvator of Austria, who is visiting here, has informed the Aero Club of his intention to send his famous balloon "Meteor" to the St. Louis Universal Exposition. The Exposition authorities, it is added, will invite the Archduke to go personally to St. Louis and conduct the operations.

## JUDGE SEDDON APPOINTED ACTING COUNSEL FOR FAIR; SEVERES BLAIR PARTNERSHIP.

Grand Jury Begins Investigation of Reports in Connection With Publication Supposed to Have Reference to Late Exposition Attorney.

### PATIENT RECOVERING AT KIRKWOOD.



JUDGE JAMES A. SEDDON. Who has been appointed Acting General Counsel of the World's Fair.

Judge James A. Seddon was appointed yesterday by President Francis acting General Counsel to the World's Fair pending the selection by the Board of Directors of a permanent successor to James L. Blair.

Judge Seddon made public announcement of his dissolution of his law partnership with Mr. Blair.

The Grand Jury, at the instance of the Circuit Attorney, examined several witnesses in connection with anonymous publications supposed to have reference to Mr. Blair.

Judge James A. Seddon, who has been the law partner of James L. Blair since 1889, was yesterday appointed Acting General Counsel of the World's Fair by President Francis.

Judge Seddon will perform the duties of the office until a successor to Mr. Blair is named by the Board of Directors of the World's Fair. The board will meet on November 2, at which time the matter of appointing a permanent General Counsel will be taken up.

Following the announcement of his appointment as Acting General Counsel, Judge Seddon yesterday sent to the Republic the following formal announcement of the dissolution of his partnership with Mr. Blair.

"The law firm of Seddon & Blair has been this day dissolved by mutual consent. Dated October 21, 1903. James A. Seddon."

Neither President Francis nor any of the members of the Executive Committee has any knowledge as to who will be appointed permanent General Counsel, as the power of appointment rests solely with the Board of Directors.

Judge Seddon was named as acting counsel on account of his intimate knowledge of the workings of the legal department of the World's Fair. Since Mr. Blair's illness Judge Seddon has assisted in a great deal of the World's Fair work. Much of it he has accomplished alone. In this way he has become thoroughly familiar with the duties of the office.

President Francis stated that he looked upon Judge Seddon as one eminently qualified to handle the work, and that his appointment to the temporary position, at least, was the natural development of circumstances.

**BLAIR SUGGESTS ENDING PARTNERSHIP.**

Regarding the Grand Jury's investigation of the reports concerning Mr. Blair, Judge Seddon said that the early part of this month Mr. Blair told him that rumors affecting his character and standing were being circulated, and he asked Judge Seddon what he thought should be done.

Judge Seddon advised Mr. Blair to make a public statement regarding the case, and, if necessary, ask Mr. Folk to make an investigation.

At the same time Mr. Blair suggested to Judge Seddon that he withdraw from the law firm.

"I intend to resign from the World's Fair," said Mr. Blair, "and I think it best that we dissolve our partnership. The reports being circulated, although wholly untrue, will damage the interests of the law firm, and I think it best that I step out."

"I intend to go before the Grand Jury and court investigation. Without any embarrassing allusion, which might be damaged by my unfortunate position, I intend to make the fight alone and prove to the satisfaction of the public that the accusations made against me are utterly false."

Judge Seddon at that time told Mr. Blair that he would consider the suggestion as to a dissolution of partnership. On October 11, a few days after Mr. Blair's conference with his law partner, he fell from a ladder at his country home in Kirkwood and sprained his ankle.

He was suffering a great deal from nervousness, produced by the reports which were being circulated, and the accident that occurred is attributed by Judge Seddon to the man's weak physical and mental condition.

**STORIES CONCERNING BLAIR DAMAGE FIRM.**  
This accident caused a postponement of the vigorous steps that Mr. Blair had intended to take relative to the proposed Grand Jury investigation, although he had conferred with Mr. Folk.

"The proceedings before the Grand Jury to-day," said Judge Seddon last night, "are evidently the result of the action taken by Mr. Blair several days ago. I was unaware that Mr. Folk intended to begin the investigation to-day."

Last Monday Judge Seddon visited Mr. Blair at the Missouri Baptist Sanatorium and told him that he had decided to act upon Mr. Blair's suggestion and would announce the dissolution of partnership within a few days.

Judge Seddon has not seen Mr. Blair since that time and the announcement of the dissolution made yesterday is the result of the conference held between the two men over two weeks ago.

"While I do not wish to go into the charges made against Mr. Blair," said Judge Seddon, "I realize that the stories that have been so persistently circulated would prove damaging to the firm's business, and I feel that I owe it to my family to act upon the suggestion so kindly made by Mr. Blair."

"I do not know whether Mr. Blair will resign as a member of the Board of Directors of the World's Fair. He told me that he would resign from the World's Fair, but whether he meant only as general counsel, I do not know."

"In the Department of the General Counsel I shall retain the same corps of assistants that has been rendering service to Mr. Blair. I have been consulted in all of the important cases which Mr. Blair has handled, and while there is a great deal to do, I think that all of the work will be handled satisfactorily."

**DO NOT ADVISE BLAIR TO PROSECUTE COMMENTERS.**  
Judge Seddon tried to reach Mr. Blair by telephone yesterday morning, but the latter was unable to leave his bed.

Judge Thomas B. Harvey, who has been retained by Mr. Blair to represent him in the proposed criminal action against the